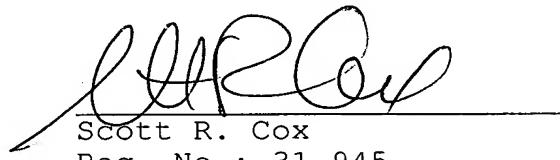


CONCLUSION

The applicants assert that the application is now in condition for review by the USPTO. The applicants request that the Substitute Specification, Exhibit B, containing new Claims 23 -54 (a copy of which is also attached as Exhibit C) be reviewed by the USPTO. If there is any questions concerning this application, the Substitute Specification or the Claims, please contact applicants' counsel.

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